

INTRODUCTION

The past decade has witnessed a number of ethnic and local conflicts worldwide with the result of alarming levels of forced migration in Africa, Asia and Europe in particular. As the international political context has been reshaping itself over the last two decades, the field of research on refugee mental health has also been able to open itself to new directions and perspectives. This edition of *An Annotated Bibliography on Refugee Mental Health* has for a primary objective to update the 1987 edition with significant research that has been conducted since that time.

This bibliography, like the previous one, contains primarily materials in the published scientific literature. When non-published material is cited, the website reference has also been included to facilitate access to the article. The authors have decided to exclude much of the non-published material, such as conference proceedings or pamphlets, as it is included later in the scientific literature. Additionally, the quality of most of the scientific literature is guaranteed by the peer review process.

Among the criteria used to determine which articles to include in this bibliography were: a) the originality of the study; b) a significant study sample; and c) the inclusion of a comprehensive bibliography that could serve as a valuable starting point for further references. As research on refugee mental health has opened its interests from Southeast Asian refugee groups, in recent years, to a broader range of ethnic groups, we have tried to include some of the most representative studies on refugee groups from Europe and Africa as well. Some difficulties, however, were encountered in trying to identify articles pertaining to clinical studies, particularly, treatment studies. It is widely recognized that this particular field of study within the broader area of refugee mental health still needs significant attention, as there are a very limited number of studies.

Three main sources of references were used. Computerized searches allowed us to obtain reference listings of the relevant literature on refugee mental health published between 1985 and 2002. Other bibliographies were also consulted. Finally, we made large use of suggestions from professionals involved in the field of refugee mental health both at local and international level. This latter method was particularly useful given the appropriateness and user friendliness of the materials suggested.

The sections included in the annotated bibliography are discussed further in the section *User's Guide for the Bibliography*.

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